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Markets mixed as Central Banks dominate the headlines

Snapshot



World Equities

Gold

Oil



Sovereign Bonds

Corporate Bonds

Copper

Week Ahead

23 Sept Composite PMI data for the Eurozone is announced.

26 Sept US GDP estimates are released to market.

27 Sept Personal Consumption figures from the US go to print

As expected, markets saw a US rate cut of 25bps at the Fed's September meeting, with the key rate now standing at 1.75-2.0%. However, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) which makes the call, were split on whether to go ahead or not. It now also looks like a further cut may not happen in 2019, something which has previously begun to look like more of a probability. The Fed was also active in the lesser known 'repo' rate market, having to shore up the operation of the overnight banking facility midweek. Stocks started the week with a literal bang, as an attack on a Saudi Arabian oil site raised tensions in the gulf and saw the oil spike the most since the early 90s. In other policymaker activity, both the Bank of Japan and the Bank of England signalled no significant changes at their respective meetings during the week.

	1 Week Return 16.09.19 to 23.09.19		Year to Date Return 01.01.19 to 23.09.19	
	Local Currency	**Euro**	**Local Currency**	**Euro**
World	0.1%	-0.1%	16.6%	21.1%
U.S.	-0.2%	0.0%	19.5%	24.8%
Europe	0.9%	0.9%	18.0%	18.0%
Ireland	-1.6%	-1.6%	17.5%	17.5%
U.K.	0.3%	0.6%	8.4%	10.4%
Japan	0.2%	1.0%	9.3%	16.5%
Hong Kong	-2.9%	-3.0%	2.1%	6.5%
Corporate Bonds	0.0%	0.0%	6.6%	6.6%
Sovereign Bonds	0.7%	0.7%	14.1%	14.1%

Equities

- Equities decreased slightly in euro terms last week, by -0.1%, and increased slightly by 0.1% in local terms.

Fixed Income & FX

- The U.S. 10-year yield recovered further last week to finish at 1.70%. The German equivalent is now at -0.57%. The Irish 10 year bond yield is at -0.02%.
- The Euro/U.S. Dollar exchange rate finished at 1.10, whilst Euro/GBP was at 0.89.

Commodities

- Oil finished the week higher at $58 per barrel.
- Gold finished the week at $1,518 per troy ounce.
- Copper decreased to $5,770 per tonne.

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